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1. WE AGREE WITH MISSION ANALYSIS OF STATE OF ACTION IN AREAS HIGHLIGHTED IN SACEUR'S COVER LETTER TO THE FLEXIBILITY REPORT. WASHINGTON ACTION IN THESE AREAS ALONG LINES RECOMMENDED REFTEL IS CONTINUING.

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2. BY SEPTELS WE HAVE STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE AUTUMN FORGE

SERIES AND OTHER MNC ANNUAL EXERCISE PROGRAMS; THESE CLEARLY DEMONSTRATE ALLIANCE SOLIDARITY. WE CANNOT OVEREMPHASIZE THE POLITICAL IMPORTANCE OF THESE EXERCISES AS VISIBLE DISPLAYS OF COOPERATION AND UNITY WITHIN NATO. THE MILITARY IMPORTANCE OF NATO INTER-NATIONAL EXERCISES IS EQUIALLY HIGH.

3. WE BELIEVE SPECIAL EMPHASIS BEING GIVEN BY US TO NATO COOPERATION IN LOGISTICS (STATE 17426) SHOULD ADD SOLID SUPPORT TO SEVERAL AREAS COVERED IN THE FLEXIBILITY STUDY. DEGREE OF SUCCESS WILL DEPEND ON INDIVIDUAL ALLIED WILLINGNESS TO ESTABLISH AN ORGANIZATION TO DEAL EFFICIENTLY WITH COMMON CONSUMER LOGISTICS PROBLEMS.

4. SIMILARLY THE SCEPC AD HOC COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY THE US, WHICH IS REVIEWING THE METHODS AND MACHINERY REQUIRED TO PERMIT SCEPC BETTER TO ACHIEVE ITS CURRENT AIMS AND OBJECTIVES, AS WELL AS TO CARRY OUT THE RECENTLY ADOPTED MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE, SHOULD PROVE EQUIALLY EFFECTIVE IN SUPPORT OF FLEXIBILITY. KISSINGER

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